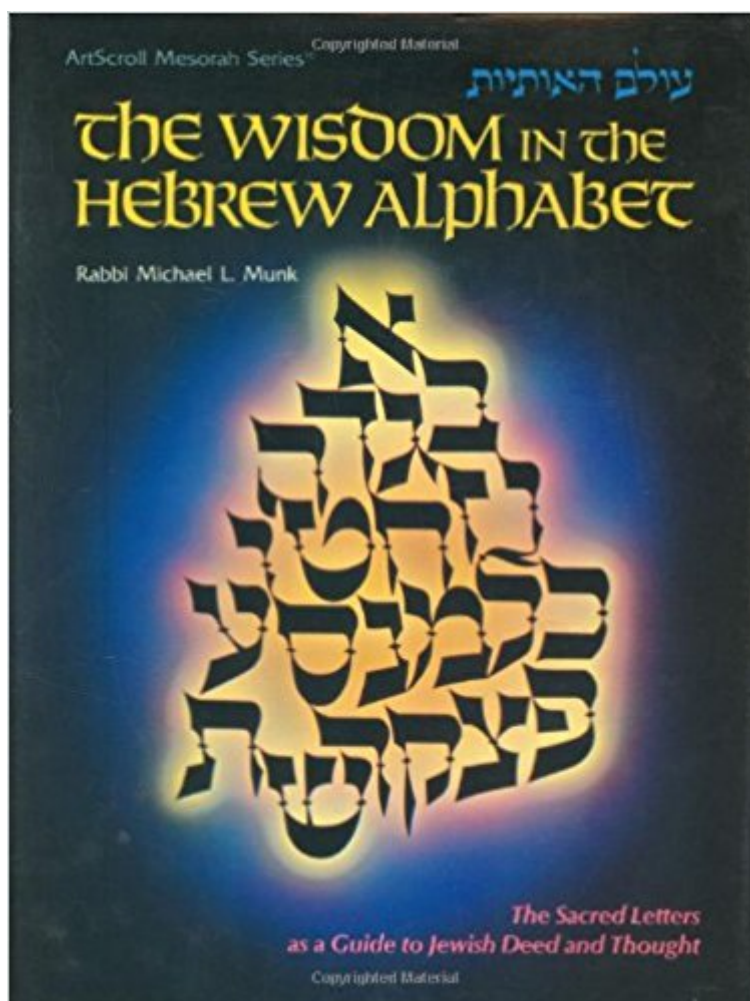


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This literature will never be a popular success, but for those "into" mystical, revelation minded individuals, Jewish or not, it is a magnificent volume, truly one of a kind ! Warmly recommended !

Going over the Hebrew Alphabet, Rabbi Munk offers more than enlightening insights about these letters of divine origin. He makes many observations about the reason why every letter was created, why it has that particular shape and orientation and how it communicates with the physical and spiritual realms as well as with other letters. It also makes many related references citing Midrashic (Torah interpretations), Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) sources. Although the book follows a definite

structure, one letter, one chapter, the extent and depth of the explanations for every letter go quite different as letters are indeed different tool conclude that this is not a book to read just one time because one is interested in this particular subject but a reference volume worth to be consulted many times, in any library of any University for the purpose of religious studies and research

Jewish Legend says that Jacob taught Joseph the secrets & mysteries of the Hebrew alphabet, & that this is where his wisdom came from for dream interpretation in childhood & in Egypt. This is a beginning book on the subject, & it will inspire you to delve ever deeper into the wonderful world of every Hebrew letter, for I am also studying Hebrew & Judaism, & this is a must-have book to start with.

Great book to glean info from but it's got a bit of Jewish mysticism in it that I don't know much about. I've learned a lot from it in the two days I've been reading it. I'd recommend it and give it as a gift... it's got that much good in it esp. if you are new to Messianic you will learn a lot.

I've met with some of the concepts before, but here they are all in one book. It's very pleasant reading and the teachings are inspirational.

Truly, a fantastic book. If you are a Christian, this will change the way you look at the Tanakh (so-called 'Old Testament'). The levels of meaning, the connections and associations that a knowledge of the Hebrew Alef - Beth (along with Talmud and Zohar) brings to the Hebrew part of our bible is breathtaking. You will come back to this again and again. I keep returning to sections I read before - it is so rich - a banquet! It has been said that the righteous will study Torah in heaven with G_d. This book will give you some idea why.

I bought The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet because I am studying Hebrew and thought it might help me get the alphabet more ingrained in my thinking; and, because I have had a strong conviction for sometime that there is something mysterious and wonderful about the Hebrew alphabet. I could not have known how right my hunch was. After beginning to read the book, I decided I had to buy it for my Father; then, a separate one for my Mother (she kept stealing his); my brother; and at my dad's request a spare one that he could have to give away. The author has a wonderful way of presenting a historical perspective on the structure and sounds of the Hebrew letters; while also presenting the religious and cultural considerations. Being a Christian, I have

found it especially wonderful. I didn't realize that many of the concepts related by Jesus and the other writers in the New Testament were dealt with at length by the Scribes and Rabbis in sacred writings other than the Torah, Books of Wisdom and the Prophets. This book uses references to those writings (as well as those included in our Old Testament) to explain the importance and nuances of meaning of the letters. This adds so much meaning for me to some of the things Jesus said and did: I'm truly amazed at how many of the things that seemed a little odd, actually have a reason behind them. This book cannot just simply be read in a sitting. I find myself going over and over the chapters; gleaning something new each time. Actually, I have yet to get through even a chapter in one sitting. And, has it helped my grasp of the Hebrew language? It really has! To know that each letter is made up of parts, and to have word pictures to remember the letters by...makes it so much easier to remember the shapes and sounds. I do wish the author had put the Transliteration along with the actual translation when he uses the Hebrew phrases. I love the phrases; and, their meaning. But, I'm not skilled enough with the Hebrew to be able to sound them all out, and I would like to "hear" the Hebrew as well as read the translation of it. Perhaps, that makes an online version with audio a valid option in the future. My Father also expressed this as something he wishes it contained. That is the reason I gave it a 4. In concept, content and presentation, The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet is certainly excellent. This is its only flaw, I think, if you can call it a flaw.

I ended up not liking this book as much as I thought. The title is fascinating but it was hard to understand. My roommate who knew some Hebrew liked it better than me. It was hard cover and in good condition.

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